

Appointment

From: Ford, Hayley [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=4748A9029CF74453A20EE8AC9527830C-FORD, HAYLE]
on behalf of Adm14Pruitt, Scott [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=6A49B8A5A6EA45E385C23FCF2F185942-ADM14PRUITT]
Sent: 4/2/2018 10:09:37 PM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]; Tate Bennett (Bennett.Tate@epa.gov) [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]

Subject: Meeting: Interfaith Groups
Location: Alm Room

Start: 4/13/2018 6:30:00 PM
End: 4/13/2018 7:00:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Required Attendees: Tate Bennett (Bennett.Tate@epa.gov); Gordon, Stephen; Bolen, Brittany; Gunasekara, Mandy

Message

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Sent: 4/2/2018 11:08:40 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
CC: Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Confirmation of attendees for Interfaith Meeting at the EPA

Thanks!

On Apr 2, 2018, at 6:09 PM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, let me send a hold. Put on the LxL.

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 6:06 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Confirmation of attendees for Interfaith Meeting at the EPA

I need to vet this list after MTE fun tomorrow, but does this day/ time still work?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Fr. Michael Lasky" <jpic@olaprovince.org>
Date: April 2, 2018 at 6:01:25 PM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Patrick Carolan <pcarolan@franciscanaction.org>
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Recurrence: (none)

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Sent: 4/4/2018 10:24:05 AM
To: Fr. Michael Lasky [jplic@olaprovince.org]
CC: Patrick Carolan [pcarolan@franciscanaction.org]
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Sent: 3/15/2018 5:03:15 PM
To: pcarolan@franciscanaction.org

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To: Gogal, Danny [Gogal.Danny@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: An Articles on Franciscan Action Networks Discussions with Administrator Pruitt

Not at this time.

On Mar 16, 2018, at 10:08 AM, Gogal, Danny <Gogal.Danny@epa.gov> wrote:

No problem. Any next step items from the meeting that you can share?

Danny

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 5:45 PM
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Subject: RE: An Articles on Franciscan Action Networks Discussions with Administrator Pruitt

Just saw this! Apologies!

From: Gogal, Danny
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 9:42 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: An Articles on Franciscan Action Networks Discussions with Administrator Pruitt

Tate and Stephen,

The article below was sent to me by a colleague. I believe it was published by Bloomberg this AM. It notes that Cardinal Ribat is meeting with folks in EPA today. Any chance I can attend? I understand this will be unlikely if the Cardinal is meeting with the Administrator.

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To: pcarolan@franciscanaction.org
Subject: Fwd: Thank you

R.e. Bringing some symposium guests to EPA, would the afternoon of the 13th after 2 PM work?

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From: Ricardo Simmonds <RSimmonds@usccb.org>
Date: March 16, 2018 at 5:17:08 PM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>, "ford.hayley@epa.gov" <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: "Fr. Mike Lasky" <jplic@olaprovince.org>, Patrick Carolan <pcarolan@franciscanaction.org>
Subject: Thank you

Dear Hayley, Tate and Stephen,

Thank you for meeting with Cardinal John Ribat yesterday and listening to his message on behalf of the environment and people of Papua New Guinea. We appreciate your time and interest, and openness to his witness of faith.

I had the opportunity to participate in several meetings with the Cardinal and was moved by his humility and gentleness. He shared that he was grateful for the opportunity to meet with you and enjoyed his time in Washington.

With so much talk of St. Francis, I guess I'll throw in a quote from *Laudato Si'* (12) : "The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled. What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (*Wis* 13:5).

Have a great weekend,

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Sent: 3/23/2018 3:34:39 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
CC: Patrick Carolan [pcarolan@franciscanaction.org]
Subject: Interfaith Meeting at the EPA

Hi Tate,

I put out feelers and time possibilities as per our discussion.
Everyone was very happy to be asked to a meeting with the Administrator.
It seems Friday 13 April at 2:30 pm at the EPA would work best for everyone.

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Interfaith Power and Light Representative **

- *Mr. Fici is trying to arrange his schedule to be present.
- **Representative from one of our co-sponsors for the symposium, Interfaith Power and Light MD/DC/VA - They will send someone but are consulting calendars.

So it looks like a group of ten from our side.

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Subject: Re: A Cardinal's Blessing

Sounds good. Let me reach out and then I can put together a list.
Happy day!

From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2018 6:43:47 PM
To: Fr. Michael Lasky
Subject: Re: A Cardinal's Blessing

It can be as large or small as we need/ that feel would be best. Do you want to put some feelers out and also shoot me a draft proposed invitee list (names/ job titles)? I'd just ask that they keep the meeting confidential under after.

On Mar 18, 2018, at 4:34 PM, Fr. Michael Lasky <jpica@olaprovince.org> wrote:

Well I have to admit to a little laugh as I took the photo!

As to the idea of a meeting on the 13th after 2pm, I can certainly ask the presenters who are local (about 4 of them including Patrick). Three of the presenters are coming in from New York City, and I can ask them to consider delaying their return by a day. We also have co-sponsoring the event Interfaith Power and Light for MD, DC & VA. I'm sure we could get a couple of folk from there.

All in all it would probably be an "Ask 10 to Get 5-8".

From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2018 11:16:28 AM
To: Fr. Michael Lasky
Subject: Re: A Cardinal's Blessing

Thank you! That was special. I need all the Blessings I can get.

Also, I shot Patrick a note on this too, but what are your thoughts on bringing a small group of your symposium attendees to EPA the afternoon of the 13th (2 pm or later) to meet with "EPA Senior Leadership" (we will plan to get the Admin there but perhaps don't advertise that to your attendees in order to avoid unnecessary publicity prior to the meeting). Thoughts?

On Mar 18, 2018, at 11:01 AM, Fr. Michael Lasky <jpica@olaprovince.org> wrote:

Tate,

A blessing for mother and child!

Promise of prayers in the weeks and months ahead,
Fr. Mike

Friar Michael Lasky, OFM Conv.
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Appointment

From: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/2/2018 10:09:41 PM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Subject: HOLD: Meeting: Interfaith Groups
Location: Alm Room
Start: 4/13/2018 6:30:00 PM
End: 4/13/2018 7:00:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Required Attendees: Tate Bennett (Bennett.Tate@epa.gov); Gordon, Stephen; Bolen, Brittany; Gunasekara, Mandy

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Sent: 4/9/2018 6:55:37 PM
To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
Subject: Accepted: Meeting: Interfaith Groups
Location: Alm Room

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Sent: 4/9/2018 7:01:52 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
CC: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Confirmation of attendees for Interfaith Meeting at the EPA

No problem. Thanks, Hayley.

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On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:23 PM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

Brittany/Mandy,

The below group of interfaith leaders will be coming in on Friday at 2:30PM to meet with the Administrator. He has met with Patrick Carolan previously, head of the Franciscan Action Network, and we've also previously met with Fr. Michael Lasky of the Franciscan Friars. This group is very involved in environmental issues and while has some differences with us regarding climate change action and environmental regulation, has been very interested in having productive dialogue on these topics and has shown a deep interest in working together on certain initiatives of the Administrator, such as action on lead.

I'm going to send both of you the invite for this meeting. I think it'd be good to have you there Brittany, as environmental justice is a big issue for them, as well as you Mandy to talk to air issues. Happy to discuss more offline.

Thanks!

Hayley Ford

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From: "Fr. Michael Lasky" <jplic@olaprovince.org>
Date: April 2, 2018 at 6:01:25 PM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Patrick Carolan <pccarolan@franciscanaction.org>
Subject: Confirmation of attendees for Interfaith Meeting at the EPA

Hi Tate,

We are all more than willing to come to meet with the Administrator, as you suggested, on Friday 13 April (after 2 PM).
As I mentioned in an earlier message, 2:30 PM would work well for us.

Can you please confirm if this meeting will be a go? I need to let folks know so they can make appropriate travel arrangements.

This confirmed list shows 12 of us attending. This includes all of the presenters, two representatives from co-sponsors, and two friars.

Ms. Shantha Ready Alonso, Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries

Ms. Cassandra Carmichael – Executive Director, National Religious Partnership for the Environment

Mr. Patrick Carolan – Executive Director, Franciscan Action Network

Mr. Avery Davis - Program Manager at Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)

Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb – Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation

Mr. Christopher Fici – Union Theological Seminary and Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus

Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv. - Director of the Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, MD (Host of the Forum and Symposium)

Rev. Mitch Hescox – President/CEO, Evangelical Environmental Network

Fr. Michael Lasky, OFM Conv. - Director of Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Ministry for the Franciscan Friars

Ms. Ruth Ivory-Moore – Program Director, Environment & Energy, Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mr. Munjed Murad - Doctoral Student at Harvard Divinity School/Islamic & Christian Studies

Ms. Sara Wolcott – Quaker, Creative Director of Sequoia Samanvaya

Hope you are having a good Easter!

Peace,

Fr. Mike

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Sent: 4/13/2018 7:49:49 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Interfaith Meeting--Alm Room--Tomorrow--2:30-3PM

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From: Vance, Eric
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Ryan will have them posted to Intranet Monday morning. (Thanks Ryan.).

Cheers,
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Sent: 4/13/2018 7:50:21 PM
To: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
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Yup just talked to Lincoln. He is going to handle it!

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If you guys want to get together to post this and Stephen can give talkers

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Sent: 4/13/2018 8:00:19 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: Tweet

Honored to host a diverse group of interfaith leaders in my office today. We spoke about mutual collaboration on several topics including superfund remediation and eradicating lead from our drinking water. Looking forward to many more fruitful discussions to come.

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Message

From: Lovell, Will (William) [lovell.william@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2018 10:09:06 PM
To: Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: Meeting Materials

Hey, Stephen,

Did y'all have any handouts for the engagements with the Global Energy Institute or the interfaith group?

Thanks,

Will Lovell
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Lovell.William@epa.gov

Message

From: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/16/2018 10:42:18 PM
To: Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: confirming meeting

Can you call me

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Niina Heikkinen [<mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net>]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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Sent: 4/17/2018 1:44:00 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
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Ryan Jackson
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Lincoln manages his account; he can correct me if I'm wrong but this is the first time in over a year that someone has complained or asked us to remove a post.

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On Apr 16, 2018, at 11:00 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

I would rather us not allow outsiders to determine what we post. That can't be the determination of what we post.

Ryan Jackson
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On Apr 16, 2018, at 8:58 PM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

The reporter had already reached out to Patrick the organizer. He is going to respond to her with a positive comment. I think it's an easy story to clear up.

There was one person in attendance who got upset about us tweeting we had a good meeting so we took it down. Never thought about this before but planning to ask OGC tomorrow what the rules are on getting people's consent when we tweet. Can just add to the request form. Ridiculous.

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Subject: FW: E&E Climatewire: Talk of climate, controversies banned in Pruitt meeting, 4/17/18
Flag: Follow up

E&E Climatewire

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1060079249/search?keyword=EPA>

Talk of climate, controversies banned in Pruitt meeting

By Niina Heikkinen, 4/17/18

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt hosted a group of religious leaders in his office last week.

There were conditions: There would be no talk about climate change or Pruitt's recent bad press.

On Friday afternoon, Pruitt and several EPA staffers met with nine faith leaders from different religious backgrounds at EPA headquarters to talk about environmental justice issues, according to one attendee.

"We were not allowed to talk about climate; it was not part of it. It was apparently a condition of the meeting," said the Rev. Mitchell Hescox, president and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network. "It was a cordial meeting, but I was a little disheartened that he didn't want to talk about climate."

Participants were also warned not to talk about the torrent of negative media coverage Pruitt has received in recent weeks regarding the administrator's spending while in office. He has faced an onslaught of criticism about his housing, travel and security detail in Washington, D.C.

The Franciscan Action Network organized the 45-minute meeting in Pruitt's office, which was supposed to be an off-the-record, private discussion. Hescox said he was surprised to see a photographer at the meeting and was "disconcerted" when the administrator tweeted photos of it later that day. The tweet was later deleted at FAN's request, according to Hescox.

EPA staff relayed the restrictions on the discussion to the Franciscans, Hescox said, but he couldn't say whether they originated from Pruitt or the staff.

An EPA spokesperson confirmed that Pruitt had met with "environmentally focused interfaith leaders" to talk about the agency's mission.

"While it is our common practice to post photos from the Administrator's meetings for public awareness, there was a miscommunication regarding post-meeting media plans and we took down the post, at the request of the group," the spokesperson said in an email.

During the meeting, Pruitt spoke in detail about two of his favored issues, safe drinking water and Superfund site cleanup. Only four of the attendees, including Hescox, had time to make their requests to the administrator. One person asked for a faith-based office in EPA, another spoke about water issues in New York, and Hescox focused on the impact of toxic chemicals on developing fetuses.

Pruitt avoided any mention of the recent ethics controversies and let participants know he had just come from having a Big Mac at the White House, Hescox said.

"We did have a good meeting talking about the things he wanted to talk about. [But] it was hard to have an in-depth discussion on [the] realities of what is happening in the world," he said.

Hescox said that he found out about the terms of the discussion just a half-hour beforehand and would not have participated if he had had more advance notice.

Hescox has been sharply critical of Pruitt since his nomination. The meeting was the first time they met face to face. In an op-ed in The Christian Post published April 6, Hescox said Pruitt's deregulatory actions betrayed anti-abortion values.

"President Trump's Administration, especially the head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Scott Pruitt, have done little to defend the forgotten, especially our unborn and newly born children. While claiming to be pro-life, they have done little to fulfill EPA's mission, 'To protect human health and the environment,'" Hescox wrote. "Instead they have pandered to industry lobbyists, proposed bailouts to the dying fossil fuel industry and 'lived high on the hog' instead of defending the lives and health of our children."

Hescox said Pruitt did seem to recognize his name when they were introduced but did not take the opportunity to respond to his criticisms.

"He kind of had the eyebrow raised up," he said.

Hescox kept his remarks to Pruitt last week focused on environmental risks to fetal life.

He requested that the administrator name fetuses as an "at-risk group" under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have rejected Hescox's past efforts to add protection under the law for fetal life, calling it a "poison pill."

Republicans have feared that it would require more research from the oil and gas industry, and Democrats have shied away from appearing to be "pro-life," Hescox said.

"[Pruitt] said he would consider it," Hescox added.

Although he didn't talk about climate change at the meeting, Hescox did make sure Pruitt had some reading on the subject. He left the EPA boss a copy of his book, "Caring for Creation: The Evangelical's Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment."

Appointment

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on behalf of Adm14Pruitt, Scott [adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
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Message

From: Fr. Michael Lasky [jpica@olaprovince.org]
Sent: 4/6/2018 3:38:01 PM
To: Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: Apologies...Forgot one

Stephen,

I forgot to add to our list the Franciscan Nun coming in from New Mexico.
She is trying to change her flight to be present for the meeting.

Her name and title is:

Sr. Joan Brown, OSF – Executive Director, New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light

Hope there is room at the table for her as well.

Peace and thanks for your work!

Fr. Mike

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